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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Merger of the Signal Centers of the Offices of Communications (DD/S) and Special Activities (DD/S&T)

1. We have considered the proposal to merge the Signal Centers of the Offices of Communications (DD/S) and Special Activities (DD/S&T) carefully. We are in agreement that the merger should not take place at this time for the reasons cited below.

2. The Office of Communications' Signal Center is undergoing extensive renovations in preparation for the [redacted]. To move the OSA Signal Center would not produce significant gains and would require new space and create a new workload for Office of Communications' technicians who are already over-committed. Also, it is not planned to move the OSA Signal Center [redacted]. It will remain in its present location and serve OSA [redacted] through a very small tributary station service. This tributary station would be required in any case.

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3. The OSA Signal Center in the Headquarters Building should continue to support OSA, OBP, and OEL until such time as the main Signal Center of the Office of Communications is automated. At that time, it will be feasible and, indeed, advantageous, to integrate certain of the functions of the two Signal Centers.

4. This arrangement is designed to provide the necessary services most economically and to allow for the merger to be accomplished in an orderly fashion.

5. We have not addressed ourselves to the possibility of transferring the OSA Signal Center in the Headquarters Building and the OSA tributary station [redacted] to the Office of Communications. This would be more or less in the nature of a paper exercise, but there might be some advantages since it would allow the rotation of some Communications personnel through these facilities so that they could be better prepared for the merger. It might also be possible to effect some economies in personnel although these would unquestionably be offset by the new requirement for additional personnel.

[redacted] This will be explored further.

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6. We are prepared to discuss this further should you so desire.

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CONCUR:

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Acting Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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Date

1. approved.
2. Para 5 is noted and I will look forward to learning the results of your further exploration. This transfer would seem very logical to me.

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